**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

EFS&T Dept. – Proposal for diversion of 0.52 ha of forest land in Compt.Nos.26, 30, 31 & 33 of Bollapalli RF, Compt.No.28 of Koppukonda Extension RF, and Compt.No.51 of Vinukonda RF in Vinukonda Range of Territorial Division, Guntur for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW passing through forests in Guntur Division, in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited., Visakhapatnam - **In-principle (Stage-I)** approval accorded - Orders - Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SECTION.II) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.MS.No. 23** **Dated: 01-10-2020.**
**Read the following:-**

1. From the PCCF(HoFF), Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15026/11/2019/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:12-06-2020.
2. Guidelines issued by GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, Lr.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dated.28.03.2019.

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**ORDER:**

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.52 ha of forest land in Compt.Nos.26, 30, 31 & 33 of Bollapalli RF, Compt.No.28 of Koppukonda Extension RF, and Compt.No.51 of Vinukonda RF in Vinukonda Range of Territorial Division, Guntur for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW passing through forests in Guntur Division, in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited., Visakhapatnam and requested to accord approval in view of the guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, vide letter 2nd read above under general approval category.

2. Government, after careful examination of the proposal and keeping in view of the guidelines issued in the letter 2nd read above, hereby accord in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.52 ha of forest land in Compt.Nos.26, 30, 31 & 33 of Bollapalli RF, Compt.No.28 of Koppukonda Extension RF, and Compt.No.51 of Vinukonda RF in Vinukonda Range of Territorial Division, Guntur for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW passing through forests in Guntur Division, in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited., Visakhapatnam, subject to the following conditions:-

i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

ii. The user agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, dated.28-3-2008 and 9-5-2008 in IA Nos. 826 and 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202 of 1995 and as per the orders issued by Government of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O.Ms.No.124, EFS&T (For.I) Department, Dated:27-7-2010.

iii. The funds received from the User Agency towards Net Present Value (NPV), under this project shall be deposited in SB A/c No.SB01025198, Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF), Andhra Pradesh, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 (RTGS/IFSC No.CORP0000371).

iv. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be paid by the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

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v. Other conditions specified in the handbook of guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, letter Dated.28.03.2019, shall also be complied with by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, and the User Agency with which they are concerned.

vi. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.52 Ha. In case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area shall be taken back by the Forest Department.

vii. After receipt of the compliance report of the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to the user agency shall not be affected prior to the issue of final approval. This approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of non compliance of the above conditions, this approval shall automatically stand revoked.

viii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as provided under FCA, 1980 and Rules and Guidelines framed there under.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD**
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
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